

SENATE FILE NO. SF0109

Autocycles.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Barnard, Case, Christensen and
Meier

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for
2 regulation, registration and licensure of autocycles; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv) by creating a new
8 subparagraph (Q), 31-2-204 by creating a new subsection
9 (e), 31-3-101(a)(ii)(D) and (F), 31-5-102(a) by creating a
10 new paragraph (lxvii), 31-5-115(e) and by creating a new
11 subsection (t), 31-5-203(b), 31-5-901(c), 31-5-912(a),
12 31-5-913(a), 31-5-914, 31-5-915(a), 31-5-932(a),
13 31-5-1401(a)(ii) and 31-7-109 by creating a new subsection
14 (k) are amended to read:

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1 **31-1-101. Definitions.**

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3 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this
4 act:

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6 (xv) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which
7 is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human
8 power or motorized skateboards. The term includes the
9 following vehicles as hereafter defined:

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11 (Q) "Autocycle" means a three wheeled motor
12 vehicle with two (2) wheels in the front, fully or
13 partially enclosed, with automotive controls and safety
14 belts.

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16 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration**
17 **and license plates by county; form.**

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19 (e) For the purposes of this chapter, provisions for
20 license plates for motorcycles shall apply to autocycles.

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22 **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**

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1 (a) Except as otherwise provided, the following fees
2 shall accompany each application for the registration of a
3 vehicle:

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5 (ii) A state registration fee computed as
6 follows:

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8 (D) Motorcycles, autocycles and
9 multipurpose vehicles \$12.00

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11 (F) Commercial vehicles, except passenger
12 cars, school buses, house trailers, multipurpose vehicles, autocycles and motorcycles for which the fees shall be
13 computed based on gross vehicle weight pursuant to W.S.
14 31-18-401;

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17 **31-5-102. Definitions.**

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19 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this
20 act:

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22 (lxvii) "Autocycle" means as defined in W.S.
23 31-1-101(a)(xv)(Q).

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2 **31-5-115. Operation of motorcycles, autocycles and**
3 **pedestrian vehicles.**

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5 (e) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a
6 lane and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner
7 as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a lane. Two
8 (2) motorcycles may be driven abreast in the same lane by
9 consent of both motorcycle drivers. One (1) autocycle may
10 be driven per lane.

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12 (t) Subsections (b) through (d), (n), (o) and (r) of
13 this section shall not apply to autocycles.

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15 **31-5-203. Rules governing overtaking on the left.**

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17 (b) A driver of a passenger car, motorcycle, autocycle
18 autocycle or pickup truck, not towing any other vehicle,
19 may exceed the speed limit by up to ten (10) miles an hour
20 while passing another vehicle traveling at less than the
21 legal maximum speed, in order to safely pass the vehicle.
22 The overtaking vehicle shall return to the right-hand lane
23 and reduce speed to the posted speed limit as soon as

1 practicable. This subsection shall be applicable only upon
2 roadways divided into two (2) lanes for two (2) way
3 movement of traffic and where the posted speed limit is
4 fifty (50) miles per hour or greater. This subsection shall
5 not be applicable in construction zones. Passing a vehicle
6 pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to all other
7 applicable motor vehicle laws. A driver of a vehicle
8 exceeding the ten (10) mile per hour limitation of this
9 subsection shall be subject to the full penalty or
10 penalties applicable to exceeding the posted speed limit by
11 the actual speed of the vehicle. As used in this section,
12 "motorcycle," "passenger car," "pickup," "autocycle" and
13 "vehicle" mean as defined in W.S. 31-1-101.

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15 **31-5-901. General requirements; applicability of**
16 **provisions.**

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18 (c) The provisions of W.S. 31-5-901 through 31-5-970
19 and regulations of the superintendent with respect to
20 equipment required on vehicles shall not apply to vehicles
21 moved solely by human power, motorcycles, autocycles,
22 motor-driven cycles, mopeds, multipurpose vehicles,

1 implements of husbandry, highway construction machinery or
2 farm tractors except as specifically made applicable.

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4 **31-5-912. Head lamps.**

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6 (a) A motor vehicle, including a multipurpose vehicle
7 or an autocycle, which is greater than fifty (50) inches in
8 width, shall be equipped with at least two (2) head lamps
9 with at least one (1) on each side of the front of the
10 motor vehicle, which head lamps comply with the regulations
11 of the superintendent.

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13 **31-5-913. Tail lamps.**

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15 (a) A motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which is
16 greater than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer,
17 semitrailer, pole trailer or any other vehicle which is
18 being drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles, shall
19 be equipped with at least two (2) tail lamps mounted on the
20 rear, which shall comply with the regulations of the
21 superintendent. The superintendent may by regulation allow
22 one (1) tail lamp on any vehicle equipped with only one (1)
23 when it was made. A motorcycle, motor-driven cycle,

1 multipurpose vehicle which is fifty (50) inches or less in
2 width, autocycle or moped shall be equipped with at least
3 one (1) tail lamp which shall comply with the regulations
4 of the superintendent.

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6 **31-5-914. Rear reflectors.**

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8 Every motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which is greater
9 than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer, semitrailer, pole
10 trailer or other vehicle which is being drawn at the end of
11 a combination of vehicles shall carry on the rear, either
12 as a part of the tail lamps or separately, two (2) or more
13 red reflectors complying with the regulations of the
14 superintendent. Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles,
15 multipurpose vehicles which are fifty (50) inches or less
16 in width, autocycles or mopeds shall carry on the rear at
17 least one (1) red reflector complying with the regulations
18 of the superintendent.

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20 **31-5-915. Stop lamps; electric turn signal lamps.**

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22 (a) Every motor vehicle, multipurpose vehicle which
23 is greater than fifty (50) inches in width, trailer,

1 semitrailer, pole trailer or other vehicle which is being
2 drawn at the end of a combination of vehicles shall be
3 equipped with two (2) or more stop lamps complying with the
4 regulations of the superintendent. Every motorcycle,
5 motor-driven cycle, multipurpose vehicle which is fifty
6 (50) inches or less in width, autocycle or moped shall be
7 equipped with at least one (1) stop lamp complying with the
8 regulations of the superintendent. The superintendent may
9 by regulation allow one (1) stop lamp on any vehicle
10 equipped with only one (1) when it was made.

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12 **31-5-932. Approved sale of lighting devices;**
13 **mounting.**

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15 (a) No person shall have for sale, sell or offer for
16 sale for use upon or as a part of the equipment of a motor
17 vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, motorcycle, autocycle,
18 motor-driven cycle, moped or pole trailer, or use upon the
19 vehicle any head lamp, auxiliary or fog lamp, rear lamp,
20 signal lamp or reflector, which reflector is required by
21 this article, or parts of any of the foregoing which tend
22 to change the original design or performance, unless of a
23 type which has been submitted to the superintendent and

1 approved by him. This section does not apply to equipment
2 in actual use prior to January 1, 1956, or replacement
3 parts therefor.

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5 **31-5-1401. Definitions.**

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7 (a) As used in this act:

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9 (ii) "Passenger vehicle" means a vehicle which
10 is self-propelled and designed to carry eleven (11) persons
11 or less and primarily used to transport persons, including
12 autocycles and pickup trucks but excluding emergency
13 vehicles, motorcycles and buses;

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15 **31-7-109. Classes of licenses.**

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17 (k) Any person licensed to drive any class of vehicle
18 pursuant to this section may also drive an autocycle as
19 defined in W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xv)(Q).
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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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